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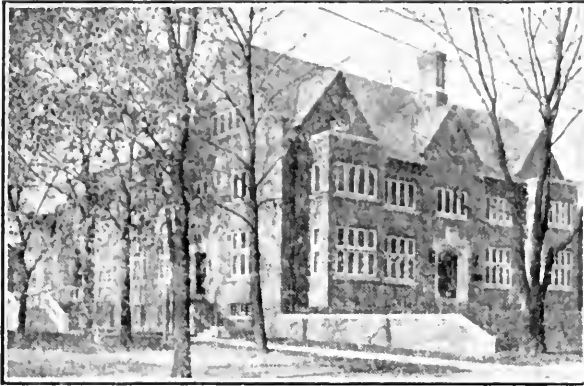
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### Mr. Vesey's Appointment



REV. F. G. VESEY

Last November the Board of Governors took a further step in the forward movement of the Bible College. They created a new office, "that of spreading information about the Col-

lege and cultivating a closer relationship between the inside work of the College and its friends and donors outside."

This need had long been seen, but where to find the man was the question. He should be a minister in good standing in his own church, with the respect and confidence of other churches. He should not be identified with any of the controversial movements or teachings of the day, but should be known for his loyalty to the historic faith of the Christian Church. If possible he should have the world-wide missionary background.

After prayerfully waiting upon the Lord about the matter, the Board called the Rev. F. G. Vesey of Parkdale Presbyterian Church to the position, and he has accepted the call. He has been graciously released by his church in order to enter upon his work

for the College at the end of March. Besides occupying the office of Secretary, which will be his title, he will share from time to time in the work of instruction carried on by the teaching staff.

Mr. Vesey has had a wide experience in the service of the Kingdom of God and is eminently qualified for the new position. As a young man brought up in the Congregational Church in England he heard the call to foreign missionary service and set himself to prepare for it. While occupying a position in the business world as an accountant, he studied early and late and qualified for a course in London University. This was followed by four years in a Theological College, a further course in Livingstone Medical College, and several months in Europe in language and other studies, all with a view to missionary work in Central Africa.

An attack of malaria while in Europe showed him that Africa was out of the question as a field of service and meant a further delay in his plans. In the meantime he accepted a call to the pastorate of two churches in Buckinghamshire. After three years his heart's desire was fulfilled when the British and Foreign Bible Society asked him to be its ordained representative in Korea. There he gave twenty years of happy service, first to

the Bible Society and afterwards to the Presbyterian Church in Canada as a member of their foreign staff in the Far East.

Mrs. Vesey's health broke down and made a return to the homelands necessary. Coming to Canada, Mr. Vesey was called to the Parkdale Presbyterian Church, where he has spent thirteen and a half happy years in a ministry that has been blessed of God. In referring to his future work, Mr. Vesey writes as follows:

"And now God has called me to this still greater and wider opportunity of service, through the gracious invitation of the Board of Governors, to join the staff of the Toronto Bible College. My prayer is that God will use me even more fully and fruitfully in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, not only in the teaching and training of the College students, but also in the extensive constituency which Christian life and interest offers to our College. We shall endeavour to stimulate knowledge and service among the churches on behalf of this much needed branch of Christian College education and training.

"One cannot but feel that a high honour, as unmerited as unsought, has been conferred on me, and thus one can only humbly pray that he may become in some slight measure, worthy of so high a calling."

## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STUDENT BODY

will be held in the Assembly Hall of the College

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, AT 8.00 p.m.

The ALUMNI BANQUET will be held the same evening at 5.45 when  
the GRADUATING CLASSES will be the guests of the

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Former Students are invited to attend.



## The Evangelistic Band



ERNEST SHILDRICK

During the present session, we have witnessed a considerable increase in the demand by the churches for the services of our Evangelistic Band.

As we write, we are in the midst of

a series of meetings which will take us to the end of March. The following is the list:

Grace United .....	Feb. 11
Castlefield Baptist .....	Feb. 18
West United .....	Feb. 25
Woodgreen United .....	March 3
Metropolitan United .....	March 10
Newmarket Christian .....	March 17
Mount Pleasant Baptist .....	March 31

In each case the Band assumes responsibility for the entire Sunday evening service which is built around the idea of public witness to the reality of the life which is to be found in Jesus Christ.

This usually takes the form of:

First—Witness in song. The choir of fifty or sixty voices sings two or three Gospel selections which bear witness to the central facts of our Christian Faith. In addition, the Male Quartet and the Girls' Double Trio take part in the service by singing appropriate

selections in which they, too, bear testimony to the vital truths of our Christian Religion. The musical programme is under the personal supervision of Mr. Shildrick who has accompanied the choir on several occasions.

Second—Five or six students are asked to witness, telling what Christ means to them *now*. The purpose of this testimony is to show that Christ does meet the needs of modern youth.

Third—The message is a simple, direct Gospel appeal, emphasizing God's revelation in Christ and urging upon those present the need of allowing Christ to direct their lives.

In the services thus far conducted the ministers and congregations have been impressed by the enthusiasm of the students. Of course fifty or sixty consecrated young people are bound to carry an atmosphere with them and this is felt by the audience as a whole. No pretence is made at conducting a service which will compete with the regular services of the churches to-day. We do not claim to have a great choir musically or preachers who ought to be listened to for their power of persuasive eloquence. But we have a message which we try to tell simply, directly and candidly. We bear witness to the things which we have seen and heard and try to transplant that spirit of reality so characteristic of the life within the College wherever we go.

## THE ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE

OF THE COLLEGE

will be held on

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, AT 11 a.m.,

in the Assembly Hall.

You are cordially invited to attend.

## Among the Cree Indians

The following account of the work of Rev. Leslie Garrett, a former student of the College, appeared in a recent issue of *The Sunday School Times*:

"In the Hudson Bay territory there are some 1,100 Cree Indians to whom the Rev. Leslie Garrett of the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society has ministered for many years. He lives 300 miles from any other white habitation. The Crees are fur-trappers, little contaminated by white vices, but, as it seems, open to attack of evil spirits, many cases of spirit possession being reported. Mr. Garrett constantly travels in the dark winters, sleeping in Indian huts. At various points little log churches have been erected to serve as centres for instruction and worship.

"Recently the natives themselves erected a little hospital at Trout Lake. A special collection of furs was made, by means of which \$700 was gathered. With this, tools, nails, and other building materials were bought. The logs were sawn and dressed by hand and the building erected by voluntary labour. So a hospital with twelve beds resulted, and the government of Canada provided its equipment. It also pays running expenses, the Crees themselves contributing firewood, fish, and game, while Cree women cook, scrub, and nurse under the missionary's supervision. Here is a lovely example of the change of ideals which the Gospel of Christ brings about, for, when heathen, the Crees strangled the aged sick and helpless, or simply left them to die untended and unfed."

## The Scripture Union

For many years Mr. R. D. Richardson has taken a keen interest in all matters that relate to the maintenance and development of the Bible College. He has watched the expansion of the work and the enlargement of the premises with deep satisfaction and his wise counsel as a member of the Board has been a source of strength to his colleagues.

But Mr. Richardson has other responsibilities. He is keenly interested in the Foreign Missionary enterprise of the church and especially in the Sadleir Mission in South America.

To many of us, however, Mr. Richardson's name will be permanently linked with the Scripture Union of which he is the honorary secretary for Canada. Under his leadership the

Scripture Union has been introduced to churches and Christian groups all over our Dominion and in the United States; and he has watched its influence grow steadily from year to year until, at the present time, the readings provided by the Scripture Union are used daily by thousands of persons all over America.

This ministry of encouraging the daily reading of God's Word is one which deserves the support of Christian people everywhere, and we know that Mr. Richardson will be glad to send enquirers full information regarding the course if they will address him at 33 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. Many former students of the college find help in this systematic reading of God's Word together with the notes provided thereon.

## The Fellowship of the Evening Classes

Each Tuesday and Thursday evening during the session between 300 and 400 young people from the churches of greater Toronto gather at the College for fellowship and instruction. These young people come from over 100 congregations and represent all branches of the Christian Church.

The first thing that impresses a newcomer to the evening classes is the fellowship. Coming from offices, factories, schools and homes, this great group of young men and women is quickly blended into a common fellowship. This fellowship is based on common interests. All own common allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ Who is the bond of the fellowship. All are interested in the extension of Christ's kingdom amongst men. All are anxious to know God's Word and to learn better methods of doing God's work. And so there come year after year these groups from all the churches who go back to their local church as lay workers to make their own contribution to its work.

This fellowship is enriched by what each student contributes. Each branch of the Christian church has something distinct to contribute to the church as a whole: in these evening classes we have a cross-section of church life as represented in a great modern city like Toronto. The diversities of operation are remarkable but it is the same spirit that operates through all. An outstanding quality of life is its adaptability, and the Christian fellowship is a life: as such it adjusts itself to new conditions and new challenges.

This fellowship is a student fellowship presided over by the students themselves. As in the regular course, so in the evening classes, the students under the guidance of the faculty are responsible for the self-government.

They elect their own cabinet whose members give leadership to the various aspects of student life within the College and to the practical Christian work of the student groups which takes them into many churches and missions in Toronto and beyond. The evening classes have their own Evangelistic Band whose work this year has been greatly strengthened by the hour given by Mr. Shildrick each Tuesday evening to the study of Gospel Music.

This fellowship is also a fellowship of prayer. Each evening of school life begins with a prayer service at 7 conducted by the students. These prayer services are among the best gatherings in the school, and one interesting feature of them is the quickening of the spiritual life which results from the discovery that so many young people of all the communions have so many things in common in their prayer interests. Out of this grows the missionary interest which is enlarged by the presence of missionaries on furlough at the prayer services. A healthy outlook upon God's work in the world is thus developed and maintained. Here, too, we observe a splendid measure of co-operation between students of the day and evening classes, for all unite in their missionary efforts to support those former students who are proceeding to the foreign field.

Perhaps the greatest single aspect of this fellowship is the fellowship around God's Word. As the students sit together in the classroom and receive teaching from the instructors, the common deposit of our Christian faith which we are responsible to hand on to others, gives us a sense of our oneness in Christ. We do not assemble to find texts by which to support our own ideas or opinions. We gather

to hear and to understand God's Word, to seek our Father's will therein and to hear our Father's voice, acknowledging the great body of Christian

truth that is the common heritage of the entire Christian church and which it is our obligation to transmit.

### News of the U. B. C. Family

A son, David Milton, was born on Sept. 25, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strome (Catherine Knechtel '34-'36) of Kitchener.

A daughter, Rhoda Grace, was born on Oct. 14, 1939, to Mr., '33, and Mrs. R. Edward Harlow (Marguerite Burritt, '32), of Nyangkundi, Belgian Congo.

A daughter, Sylvia Ruth Ethel, was born in Toronto on Dec. 23, 1939, to Rev., '38, and Mrs. John Addison.

A son, Timothy Irwin, was born in Kitchener on Dec. 30, 1939, to Rev., '28, and Mrs., '29, Chris. Sorley.

A daughter was born in Toronto on Feb. 17 to Mr., '36-'37, and Mrs. George Wilson (Lillian Braby, '38).

John Jeffrey, E. C. '37, was married to Miss Florence Mitchell on Nov. 29, 1939, at Temple Baptist Church, Toronto. Larry Guillermin, '38, was groomsmen.

Violet Karkheck, E. C. '35, was married to George McGookin on Dec. 2, 1939, in Olivet Gospel Hall, Toronto.

Stanley Medhurst, '39, was married to Miss Grace Middleton on Dec. 2, 1939, in Central Baptist Church, Brantford. Rev. Clifford VanDuzen, '31, officiated.

Marjorie Sutton, '38, was married to Russel Lamb, '38, on Dec. 28, 1939, in Toronto.

Eva Musser, '36, was married to Rowland Davies, formerly of Seattle, on Jan. 2, at Para, Brazil. Mr. and Mrs. Davies have been working in Amazonia under the Unevangelized Fields Mission, and have recently accepted an invitation to join the staff of their Bible school, the Barra do Corda Bible Institute.

Rev. Moir A. J. Waters, B.A., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Waters, our worthy College secretary, was married

## THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

of the

FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

will be held in the

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ARENA  
Bloor Street West, near St. George Street

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, at 8.00

For information, Telephone KI. 7389, KI. 1582, RA. 8391, RA. 5808

Doors open at 6.00

7,500 seats

Offering

to Miss Margaret Walker, B.Sc.N., of London, on Jan. 23, in First-St. Andrew's United Church, London, where Mr. Waters has been minister for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Waters sailed on Feb. 10 from Vancouver for India, where they will be engaged in missionary work under the Foreign Mission Board of the United Church of Canada. They expect to be stationed on Dr. Waters' old field.

Freeman Hollett, '35-'37, was married to Miss Marie Longtin, of Montreal, on Feb. 2, in Toronto. Pte. Hollett is a member of the Black Watch Regiment.

Mr., '32, and Mrs. Frank Melbourne (Mae Faust, '31) and children returned recently from Spain where they have been doing missionary work under the European Christian Mission.

Olive Fynney, E. C. '31-'32, is at home on furlough from China where she has been serving under the China Inland Mission.

Rev. Arthur Bateson, '34, and Gordon Woodcock, '39, pastors of the Blind River Gospel Tabernacle, have opened up the following outposts along the Trans-Canada Highway: Hooverville, Kynoch, Wharncliffe, Patton, Eley, Algoma, Spragge and Serpent River, as well as the two Indian Reserves adjacent to Blind River.

The January number of *Moody Monthly* carried a fine article on "Correct Speech in the Pulpit" by Rev. Kenneth L. Miles, '34, who is a member of the Faculty of the Lancaster School of the Bible.

Alva S. Roblin, '34, pastor of the Slate River Baptist Church, was or-

dained there on Dec. 16, 1939. Rev. Wm. MacDonald, also a former student and pastor of First Baptist Church, Port Arthur, preached the ordination sermon.

Evelyn Hawn, Reg. N., '35, on her way to the Canadian Baptist Mission field in India, was able to stop over in Shanghai for a few hours. Miss Hawn called Emma Sullivan, '36, on the telephone and they had a lengthy conversation over the wires.

Three former Bible College students, now taking military training in England, Matthew Greer and William Holder, both of '36, and Harold Mayotte, '37-'39, conducted the meeting of the Christian Endeavour Society of Fleet Baptist Church, somewhere in England, on Jan. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sinzheimer (Olive Moore, '36), formerly of Virgie, Ky., have been called to a church in Weeksbury, Ky.

L. Louis de Groot, '38, left Toronto on Jan. 18 to take charge of the work of First Presbyterian Church, Portage la Prairie, Man.

Helen Dickson, '37-'38, sailed on Feb. 22 from St. John en route to Nigeria, where she will engage in missionary work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

The Home Mission Board of the United Church has sent Roy Irwin, '39, to open up work in the district adjacent to South Porcupine, Ont. His duties began on Jan. 14.

Dorothy Francklin, Reg. N., '34, who has been at home on furlough for the past year, returned on Feb. 21 to La Paz, Bolivia, where she works with the Canadian Baptist Mission.

Aune Ikavalko, '32-'33, who for the past two years has been carrying on a work among the Finnish people in Thunder Bay District, under the First Finnish Baptist Church, Toronto, leaves on March 16 for her home in Imatra, Finland.

Contributors are asked to send in their names and addresses with all donations, however small.

Eria Robinson, '39, is at present engaged in Faith Mission work in Ontario.

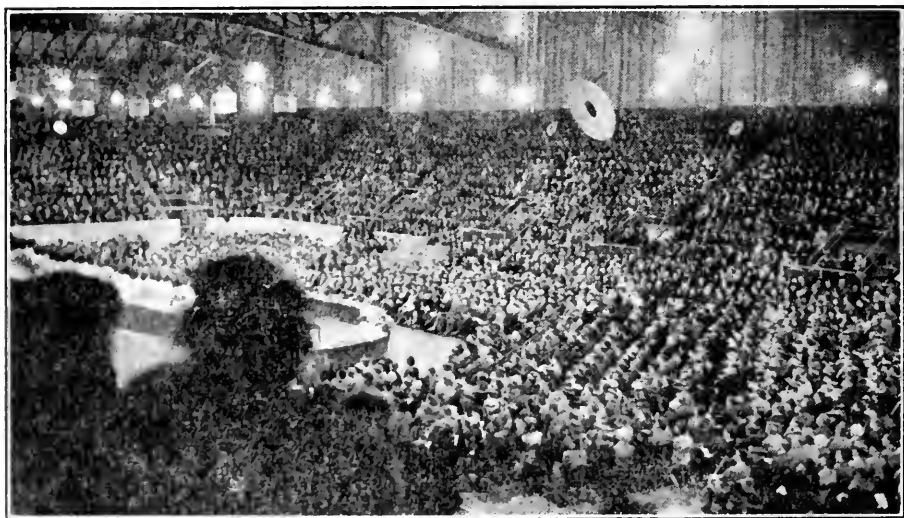
A son, Donald Murray, was born in Toronto in July, 1939, to Mr., '23, and Mrs. George E. Page.

### Graduating Exercises

For several years, the problem of handling the crowds attending the Graduating Exercises has given the College authorities much concern. We well remember the evening we stepped up to the front of the old Assembly Hall at 110 College Street to receive our diploma. The hall was well filled but not overcrowded. We have had the privilege of attending many Graduating Exercises since and we have watched with interest the growing public demand for seats at our annual Graduation. We recall the services in Zion Chapel, in Knox Presbyterian Church, in Walmer Road Baptist Church and in Trinity United Church. When we were compelled to move to Massey Hall, we thought our problem was permanently solved, but discovered, to our amazement, that it had only been aggravated. And now, for three

Rev. Ernest Edward Smith, Th.D., '23, formerly pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, is now head of the Department of Christian Education of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago.

years, we have assembled in Varsity Arena where we can accommodate 7,000 persons. We have, during the past two years, comfortably filled this spacious building. Heretofore, however, we have not opened the doors until 7, and this has resulted in a great concourse of people waiting on the outside to secure seats when the doors were opened. We have planned to open the doors at 6 this year and to seat the people as they arrive. We ask for the co-operation of all our friends and former students. We believe there are good seats available for all who wish to attend, and we ask that you reach the Arena as soon after 6 as possible so that when the clock reaches the hour of 8 we shall all be in our places for the opening of the exercises on Thursday, April 25.



A section of the great audience attending the Graduation Exercises on April 28, 1938. Taken from the north side of the platform.

